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Galatians 3:1, “O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?”

In the Book of Acts we read about the Apostle Paul going forth and preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Very early in his ministry the Apostle preached to the brothers and sisters in the region of Galatia. The Holy Spirit blessed Paul’s efforts and Churches were established throughout that area. Not long after the efforts of Paul, the enemy began to labor to overthrow the truth that was believed by God’s precious children. Paul asked, “who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth,...”? The Apostle was serious about the truth, and he was very blunt in his questions concerning the Galatians departure from the truth that he had preached to them. According to Paul, in our study verse, the Galatians had (through the preached word) viewed Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary crucified for their sins. And if those believers had spiritually looked upon such a scene of grace, how could they fall back into believing their righteousness was by any of their own works. In Galatians 1:6 Paul said, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:...” It simply amazed Paul that such a thing as this could happen to these individuals. Paul’s remedy for such an action was to point their eyes to the Savior once again. In Galatians 6:14 Paul would write, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,...”

When we consider the faults and failures of our lives (because we still have the Adam nature), this same remedy works today as it did in Paul's day. When we are able with an eye of faith, to view the Savior on the Cross, giving His precious life in our room and stead, it should prick our hearts to do what is right in this world. Dear child of grace, if you are tempted with evil; if you are at a crossroads of right and wrong; if your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His truth is fading; if your devotion to His service is waning, think about what Jesus has done for you. Paul would say in 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." Paul considered this truth to be a powerful motivator, both to him and to those who would hear him. Paul believed the way to make your temporal life better, was to look toward the One that gave you eternal life through His death. Amen!